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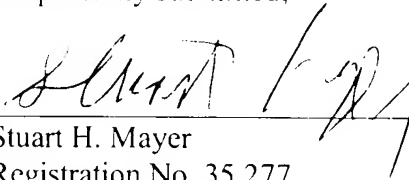
Sir:

Applicant hereby requests the Examiner's approval of the following proposed change to Figure 1 of the above-identified application. For the Examiner's convenience, in addition to being summarized below, the change appears in red ink on the attached duplicate drawing sheet.

Please amend Figure 1 to include the label "PRIOR ART" as shown, and as required by the Examiner in the Office Action dated April 22, 2003.

An indication of the Examiner's approval of the foregoing proposed change is respectfully requested in the next Patent Office communication. Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached at (908) 518-7700.

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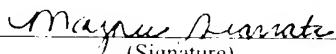
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